

R E M A R K S

The Examiner is thanked for his careful analysis and checking of the claims. Claims 11 and 12 were allowed. Claims 13-16 and 28-42 were objected to and/or rejected under 35 USC 112. The following remarks are in paragraphs referring to the claims in the sequence of objections and/or rejections beginning at the bottom of page 2 of said Office Action.

Claims 40, 41 and 42 were amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion on page 3, lines 1 and 2.

Claims 13-16 were rejected as being indefinite "...as it is unclear how the limitations set forth in the claims further limit the claims from which they depend." Each of claims 13-16 which depended directly or indirectly from claim 11 is amended into independent form. This removes the basis of the rejection which is quoted at the beginning of this paragraph.

Claims 13 and 14 were rejected as indefinite because the feature "...it is exposed to an acid environment having a pH from 2.0 to 7.0" is contrary to the accepted understanding that a pH of 7 is neutral. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to recite that the range is "a pH from 2.0 to less than 7.0", thereby obviating the basis of the rejection.

Claims 28-33 were rejected for the reasons set forth in the first paragraph of page 4 of the Office Action. Claims 28-33 are now canceled. The feature of each of the canceled claims 28-33, namely that the composition "is prepared from corn vegetable pulp" has been incorporated into each of claims 11-16, namely the claims from which canceled claims 28-33 depended.

Claim 34 has been amended to correct a typographical error referred to in the second paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action.

Process claims 35 and 36 have been amended to recite "...said extraction solvent comprises water, 10% HCl and 0.1 to 1% citric acid". It is respectfully submitted that this claim feature is supported by the disclosure on page 9 of the specification, line 22, of a specific extraction solvent comprising water + 10% HCl + 0.1% citric acid and the disclosure on page 10, line 14 of another extraction solvent comprising water + 10% HCl + 1% citric acid. New claim 44 also recites this feature. Claims 37 and 38 have been amended to recite the preferred extraction solvent which comprises water, 10% HCl and 1% citric acid.

New claim 43 is identical to process claim 34, except that process claim 34 recites a process comprising three sequential

extractions. New process claim 43 recites the same process, except that claim 43 requires only a single extraction, but provides the option of at least one additional extraction. In the specification, page 10, Example Nos. 7, 8 and 9 illustrate the process carried out with a single extraction. Pages 11 and 12 of the specification exemplify the process when carried out with three sequential extraction steps. It is respectfully submitted that claims 43 and 44 are supported by the specification.

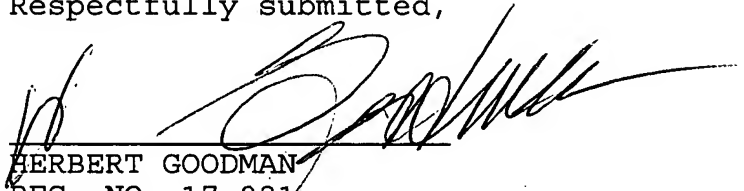
Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

Please apply the enclosed check in the amount of \$172.00 (small entity) for four independent claims in excess of three.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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